

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 5, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, John Horwitz (arrived 5:40 PM)
Dick Kiesell, George Knowlton, and Nancy Wendorf (arrived 5:38 PM)

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 10/01/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KNOWLTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

This item was moved ahead on the agenda to accommodate the speakers.

Nancy Cantor, 2529 N 86th St, **Jim Heather**, 6732 E Sheridan St, and **Michael Merrill**, 8713 E Vernon Av, were present to discuss neighborhood issues. Ms. Cantor discussed a recent LINKS meeting she attended where she agreed to bring back information from the city in regard to programs available to aging neighborhoods as well as the elderly population. She also discussed issues related to code enforcement in respect to alley clean-up and cars parked or stored in the street. Mr. Heather related incidents occurring near Tonalea School where he is a crossing guard and requested installation of a concrete trash container by the canal as well as plastic bags for dog droppings. Mr. Merrill expressed concerns about vehicles stored in the street, trash in alleyways strewn by the garbage trucks, grass growing in streets and in curbs along 86th Street south of Thomas, and maintenance of the empty lot at Pima and Thomas.

Mr. Keagy said he has been working with Captain Marshall of the PD on many of these issues. They are working on a plan to allow Code Enforcement Inspectors the right to issue tickets to parking offenders. He also will be working with the Director of Solid Waste Department to solve trash issues and will provide an update. He further stated staff would be attending the next LINKS meeting on November 19 to provide information on city programs.

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UPDATE ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S EVALUATION OF POST-WAR SUBDIVISIONS

Debbie Abele, manager of the Historic Preservation Program for the city, gave a presentation. For this program, homes built in the 1950's were researched and data was collected on trends, amenities, landscaping, etc. The first step in preservation is the type of building and she reviewed several types of ranches built during this time period. The Historic Register Committee will be looking for the best examples of each theme and will contact homeowners and associations about how they might be eligible for historic designation.

In regard to multi-family homes, Ms. Abele said Scottsdale has some of the best collections in the country with duplexes, tri-plexes, four-plexes, and garden apartments. This process has just begun and three districts have been identified that might be eligible for listing on the National and Local Registers.

Responding to Vice Chair Badenoch, Ms. Abele said historic designation of buildings would provide protection and establish a different type of review for any changes in the neighborhood that might affect the value.

DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S BULK TRASH PICK-UP AND 9-DAY RULE

Mr. Keagy distributed a document outlining the "Nine-Day Rule" for bulk trash items and a recap of practices in other valley cities. It was noted that there is broad range of ways that the various communities handle this issue.

He noted this item was placed on the agenda tonight as a result of recent issues and discussions with a neighborhood on Sundown Drive, between Miller and Hayden, north of Shea. Due to numerous violations, this neighborhood received extra attention and education and inspectors now issue Citations with automatic fines.

Members of this neighborhood along Sundown Drive wished to see the 9-day rule shortened in order to reduce the blight in their neighborhood. **Jose Hernandez**, 11822 N. Sundown Dr, spoke about the many renovations occurring in the neighborhood and the types of eyesores they had to look at for up to a month at times. He said things have improved since the city got involved but felt there would be further benefits if the rule was shortened. **Arlene Hernandez** noted that oftentimes the 9-days has the potential to become 14-15 days if the pick up occurs later in the week as opposed to Monday of the pick up week.

Commissioner Knowlton suggested a compromise of placing solid materials out 2-days prior to pick-up and green materials 9-days prior. Chairman Shultz suggested perhaps neighborhoods without alleys could have a policy different than those with alleys.

After further discussion of possible impacts to Inspector workloads, Solid Waste scheduling, issues relating to 2-day, 7-day, or 9-day rules, and support of staff, the consensus of the

Commission was that the issue needed further review so that the Commission could make potentially make recommendations. It was noted that this review by the Commission would not take place until after the first of the year since the current rule has only been in place since Jan. 2003 and the Commission's meetings are already booked until then. It was further noted that regulations such as these have Citywide impacts and the Commission will seek to gain input and recommendations from various parts of the community to determine what may be warranted.

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**DISCUSSION ON THE LOGISTICS AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE UPCOMING
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING CYCLE**

Ms. Mead distributed and reviewed a "Summary Sheet" to be used by Commissioners when evaluating applications for NEP funding. Commissioner Wendorf suggested including a question to determine whether a group had requested funding in the past, and also a listing of typical projects that have been approved in the past. The Summary Sheet will be created as a template so it can be e-mailed to Commissioners and completed on-line.

Ms. Mead said the next Commission Meeting on December 3rd will need to be moved to a different location to accommodate all the applicants that are expected. Currently only 2 applications have been received and she knew of 4 others in the process of completion, but there could be as many as 20. Discussion was held on how to hold the hearing, how many minutes to allow each applicant, whether a presentation was actually needed from each, how to prioritize the applications, how to vote on the funding recipients, and whether an additional meeting would be needed. After further discussion, it was decided to determine the final logistics of the funding meeting after the exact number of applicants was known on Friday. Packets with applications will be delivered to Commissioners on Monday, November 17.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K)) No updates were given.

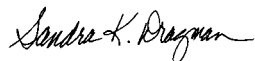
NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting date will be December 3, 2003 at 5:30 PM. at a location to be determined. Mr. Keagy said a member of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board will attend a future meeting and give a presentation. Commissioner Wendorf requested an update in regard to the Which Way Scottsdale Report and comments from community meetings being held.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary